Smuggling of narcotics at Indo-Bangla border

†1596. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of smuggling going on at Indo-Bangla border and narcotics substances like opium and charas being sent to India from Bangaldesh as telecast recently by a news channel;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken and since when undertaken, to check this menace; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) to (c) The Indo-Bangladesh border is porous in nature and prone to smuggling. However, the Government have seized narcotics substances like Ganja and Heroine along Indo-Bangladesh border while in the process of being smuggling out to Bangladesh. The following steps are being taken to check such activities:—

(i) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling.

(ii) Construction of fencing and flood lighting.

(iii) Conduct of special operations.

(iv) Upgradation of intelligence network.

(v) Use of night vision devices.

(vi) Augmentation of strength of patrolling/naka duties.

(vii) Co-ordination with Army/Police/locals.

Telgi's links with police officials

1597. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Home Affairs has made an inquiry on the links of Abdul Karim Telgi with police officers in various States of the country;

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